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Applicant

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AUTOMOBILE EXHAUST GAS

PURIFYING COMBUSTION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed October 31, 2006. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group II, Claims 5-11, drawn to a method of producing an exhaust gas catalyst. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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